



Grand Ridge Grade School

NEWSLETTER

Week of Nov. 20-Dec. 3, 2011

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A Few Words from the Superintendent

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sometimes, we lose perspective on how much we have to be thankful for in our lives. We don't realize how good we have it. Hopefully, no one in your family has had the hardships that the Pilgrims had when they came to the New World. There were 102 Pilgrims that came across the Atlantic Ocean on the Mayflower. In the first year, 1620, the Pilgrims lost most of their colony to sickness or disease during the winter. By the end of their first year, there were only 38 survivors. How many of us would have gone if there was a possibility that 2/3 of the people that you sailed with would die in the first year? In 1621 Governor Bradford arranged a harvest that consisted of ducks, geese, and turkeys the Plymouth men shot and five deer the Indians shot. The meal also included fish, clams, eels, wild plums, leeks, watercress, and cornbread. Everyone ate outside and the celebration lasted for three days. **Thanksgiving Day**, is a day intended to celebrate the Pilgrims' survival and the help they received from the Indians, who taught them how to survive in the New World.



I think if we take some time, we all have something we can be thankful for on next Thursday. Getting together with family, sharing what we have to be grateful for, thinking of loved ones who can't be there and reminiscing about the past is what Thanksgiving is all about. So on the behalf of teachers, staff, administration, and school board, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

On a side note, traditionally, the merchants had left Thanksgiving alone, so their employers could spend time with their family. Friday after Thanksgiving was the start of the shopping season for Christmas. Stores are opening earlier and earlier (now it's Midnight Madness) and now people are having to go to bed Early, so they can get up in the middle of the night to go to the sale, or camp out at the store so they are first in line, or decide not to go to bed at all. How have we allowed this to happen? I commend Sears and J C Penny for not opening so early, so that their employees could spend Thanksgiving with their family.



Reminder: We won't have a newsletter next week because of the short week.

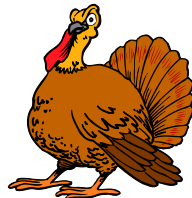
SCHOOL DISMISSES AT 11:50 A.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
No School Thurs. Nov. 24 and Fri. Nov. 25



DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

The children will go outside if the temperature is 20 degrees or warmer with wind chill figured into the decision. Make sure your child has the proper coat, hat and gloves for weather.

We have had many students come to the office at lunch hour and ask to borrow a coat. If students do not have a coat to go outside during recess, they will be asked to sit on the bench by the office.



DON'T FORGET

**PICK UP FOR
KATHRYN BEICH
FUNDRAISER ORDERS**

on
Thursday, Dec. 1
At 3:00 p.m.

Grand Ridge Emergency Fund
Annual Porch Food Drive
Sat. Dec. 3, 2011

Please have your donated items in a bag
and on your porch by 10:00 a.m.
Sponsored by Grand Ridge Area
4-H and St. Mary' CCD Classes.

SPIRIT BOOTH ITEMS

We have included an order form for Spirit Booth items for your shopping convenience.

All orders for Christmas gifts must be turned in by December 5th.

We will also be open at home basketball games on November 21 (7/8 Boys BB vs. Shepherd) & November 22 (5/6 Boys BB vs. Marseilles) for shopping.

There is a great selection of Mohawk sportswear available.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for OCTOBER

These students are being recognized for:

- Their conscientious work habits
- Their kind and caring attitudes
- Their cooperation with others
- And their willingness to assist others when they are needed.



SOFIE OFFERMANN
2ND Grade

Favorite Subject—
SCIENCE

What do you want to be when
you grow up?

A SINGER

WARREN KROHE
5TH Grade

Favorite Subject—
SCIENCE

What do you want to be when
you grow up?

AN ELECTRICIAN

CHRISSY MILLER
8TH Grade

Favorite Subject—
CHOIR

What do you want to be when
you grow up?

**A TEACHER OR
AN AUTHOR**



SANTA'S SECRET SHOP

We are having our annual Santa's Secret Shop on Monday Dec. 5th & Tuesday Dec. 6th for K-5th grade. The children will have an opportunity to shop for Christmas presents at a reduced price since most of the items were donated. Thanks, for your donations! We would appreciate it if they buy for their immediate family only (grandparents are included) since we are limiting the children to six purchases total. We would like everyone to get a chance to buy something nice for their loved ones this holiday. This is a nonprofit function that is teaching the children the "reason for the season" which is giving is more important than receiving. That is why we ask that the children not buy for themselves. Items run from \$.25 - \$3.00. Please help them budget and make their list using the following:

My Shopping List

Relative:

I can spend:

- | | |
|----|----|
| 1. | \$ |
| 2. | \$ |
| 3. | \$ |
| 4. | \$ |
| 5. | \$ |
| 6. | \$ |



OGLESBY ELKS HOOP SHOOT

Students in P.E. classes recently competed in the school Hoop Shoot. There are three age categories, with first and second place winners. If the first place winner is unable to attend the Oglesby Elks Lodge contest, the second place winner can attend.

Our school winners were:

Ages

8-9

Runners Up

Boys

1st-Luke Couch

Anthony Mulinazzi

Girls

1st-Grace Jeanblanc

Jozie Cole

10-11

Runners Up

1st-Gary Duffield

Wyatt Hill

1st-Taalor Allen

Payton Swartzmiller

12-13

Runners Up

1st-Sam Holtzman

Trenton Young

1st-Anna Simons

Jasmine Bowman

The Oglesby Elks Lodge contest against other schools in the area will be held on Sat. Dec. 10th, at the IVCC gym. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a contest start of 9:15 a.m.

Congratulations to our winners, and good luck in the next round.

IS MY CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

1. **COLDS.** Keep a child with a cold at home only if he feels too tired to complete his morning activities or has a fever. Kids are most contagious the first day of the cold—teach him to blow/wipe his own nose, wash his hands, and cover his mouth when coughing. Call the doctor if the cold is worse after a week, if your child is having trouble breathing, or if he develops other symptoms such as a fever.
2. **COUGHS.** Keep a child home if a cough keeps your child up at night, appears to get worse as his activity increases or if he has other symptoms, such as a fever. You can send him to school if he has just an old cold and feels okay otherwise. Call the doctor if the cold leads to difficulty breathing or the fever increases.
3. **EAR INFECTIONS.** Cold and flu that cause ear infections are contagious, but ear infections themselves are not. Your child can return to school once he has seen his doctor and started medication (antibiotics).
4. **SORE THROAT.** If your child wakes up with a sore throat, but no other symptoms, offer him juice or water to see if the discomfort was simply from dry air or post-nasal drip during the night. If he has a fever and the pain continues, call the doctor. Strep throat and other throat infections can only be diagnosed for sure by a throat culture. If your child has Strep, he can return to school after being on antibiotics for 24 hours and without a fever for 24 hours.
5. **FEVER.** Children should be without a fever for 24 hours before returning to school. In a borderline case, go by how the child looks and acts. A child that seems pale, achy, and tired but has a temperature of only a few degrees should stay home. Call the doctor if the fever is accompanied by other symptoms such as tiredness, sore throat, and earache.
6. **VOMITING AND DIARRHEA.** A child that is throwing up needs stay home. If it occurs more than three times don't send him back to school until he has gone 24 hours without vomiting or a fever. Children can return to school once the fever is gone, the diarrhea has stopped for 24 hours. Call the doctor if your child is both vomiting and having diarrhea or has a severe case of either.
7. **PINKEYE.** A child with bacterial conjunctivitis is highly contagious and should be kept home until has been on prescription eye drops or ointment for 24 hours. If he wakes up and the whites of his eyes are red, there is pus discharge, and/or the eyelashes are matted shut, call the doctor.
8. **HEAD LICE.** Lice lay eggs (nits) that attach to the shaft of the hair. Shampoos can be purchased over-the-counter—*follow instructions exactly on the box*. The child's head must be treated and nits combed from the hair. A head check will be done before the child can be readmitted to class. A doctor's visit is not necessary, but you do need to notify the school office so appropriate classroom lice checks can be conducted.
9. **RASHES.** Contagious diseases that cause the following rashes need to be reported to the school: chickenpox, impetigo, scarlet fever, measles, fifth disease, and ring worm. Your doctor can advise you as to how long your child needs to be kept home.
10. **SPRAINED ANKLE.** Elevate the ankle and apply ice for 20 minutes every hour until your child can walk comfortably on it. If you suspect a fracture (swelling, bruising, pain), call your doctor. Only an x-ray can diagnose a fracture. A doctor's note is required to keep a child out of P.E. classes for more than 2 days.



LUNCH TICKETS:
\$17.50—K-2ND
\$19.00—3-8TH
BREAKFAST: \$10.00

Lunch & Breakfast Menus



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25
Lunch Menu	BarBQ on Bun Corn Chips Mixed Veggies Mandarin Oranges Sugar Cookie, Milk	Cheesesticks Marinara Sauce California Veggies Fruit Mix Rice Krispy Treat, Milk	No Lunch SCHOOL DISMISSES AT 11:50 A.M.	Thanksgiving No School	Thanksgiving Holiday No School
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2
Lunch Menu	Cheeseburger on Bun Fries Pears Choc Chip Cookie Milk	Popcorn Chicken Potatoes & Gravy Peaches Bread Milk	Creamed Ham on Biscuits Mixed Veggies Pineapple Milk	Deli Turkey Sub Corn on the Cob Apricot Halves Choc Oatie Cookie Milk	Pizza Lettuce/Ranch Dress. Mixed Fruit M & M Cookie Milk

STUDENT COUNCIL **FOOD DRIVE**

Our Student Council will have an all-school food drive beginning Monday, November 28.

Food and non-perishable items are needed by the Grand Ridge Emergency Fund for distribution to needy families for Christmas baskets.

Please send in any food items or paper items with your child to deposit in their classroom boxes.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Calendar of Events



Mon. Nov. 21 7/8 BBB at home vs. Shepherd—5:00 p.m.

Tues. Nov. 22 5/6 BBB at home vs. Marseilles— 5:00 p.m.
7/8 BBB at Holy Cross-5:00 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 23 **MIDTERMS**
SCHOOL DISMISSES AT 11:50 a.m. FOR THANKSGIVING

Thurs & Fri. **NO SCHOOL— THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

Mon. Nov. 28 7/8 BBB at Saunemin—5:30 p.m.
8th Girls IESA Regional at Grand Ridge—6:00 p.m.

Tues. Nov. 29 8 GBB Regionals here 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 30 **SCHOOL DISMISSES AT 2:15 P.M.**
7th GBB Sectionals at Holy Trinity, Bloomington
5th BBB at Oglesby Tournament— vs. Marseilles at 6:00 p.m.
6th BBB at Oglesby Tournament—vs. Marseilles at 7:00 p.m.

Thur. Dec. 1 **PICK UP DAY FOR FUND RAISER ITEMS—3:00 P.M.**
8th GBB Regionals here at 6:00 p.m.
7/8 BBB at Wallace—5:30 p.m.
5/6 BBB at Wallace—5:30 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 2 5/6 BBB at Oglesby Washington Tournament
5th BBB vs. Oglesby at 4:00 p.m.
6th BBB vs. Oglesby at 5:00 p.m.


STUDENT COUNCIL
FOOD DRIVE

BEGINNING
MON. NOV 28



Special Birthdays



Nov. 20	Nov. 21	Nov. 22 Zach Rambo	Nov. 23 Teresa Dittmer	Nov. 24 	Nov. 25 Grace Henry Jenna Anderson Tom Campbell	Nov. 26 Connor Barnes
Nov. 27	Nov. 28 Keirsten Duffield	Nov. 29	Nov. 30 Stas Cheli	Dec. 1	Dec. 2 Carson Zellers	Dec. 3 Ty Allen